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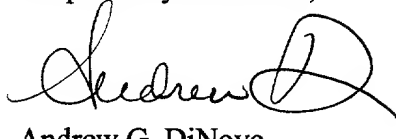
Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated December 19, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, attached is a copy of the above-referenced specification with the Abstract on a separate sheet.

A check in the amount of \$55 for a one month extension of time accompanies the filing of this Response. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

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